

If you believe that you have been the victim of identity theft, you should take the following steps

- **First, you should file a report with your local police**
- If your local police will not complete a report, you should file a report at your County Sheriff's office
- Be sure to keep a copy of the report as this will make it easier to prove your case to creditors.

- Second, you must contact the one of the three major credit bureaus and request that they flag you
- Equifax:
- Experian:
- TransUnion: P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834-6790.

Report fraud: (800) 680-7289 and write to address above.

TDD: (877) 553-7803

E-mail (fraud victims only): fyad@transunion.com

Web: www.transunion.com PO Box 9532, Allen TX, 75013

Report fraud: Call (888) EXPERIAN (888-397-3742) and write to address above.

TDD: Use relay to fraud number above.

Web: www.experian.com/fraud P.O. Box 740250, Atlanta, GA 30374- 0241.

Report fraud: Call (888) 766-0008 and write to address above.

TDD: (800) 255-0056

Web: www.equifax.com

Notify the fraud department of all companies involved.

- Depending on the situation you may also need to contact the Social Security Administration about
- In-depth information on www.ftc.gov/bureaus/identity/1084.html .

If the situation involves <http://www.ftc.gov/bureaus/identity/1084.html> to learn of additional steps that can be taken in

- I would also advise that [you contact the Federal Trade Commission](http://www.ftc.gov/bureaus/identity/1084.html) (FTC) at 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-7238)
- Also on the website is the [Take Charge, Fighting Back Against Identity Theft](http://www.ftc.gov/bureaus/identity/1084.html) in-depth process regarding

- The United States Department of Justice has a website on identity theft that can be accessed at <http://www.justice.gov/e-verify/identitytheft.html>
- This page includes information on how to avoid identity theft and steps that can be taken if you suspect you have been a victim of identity theft. <http://www.fbi.gov/ncic/identitytheft/avoid.html>
- You may also report your identity theft to the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office at 1-800-441-7575
- The state has also set up a new updated "Identity Theft Action Plan" website to help consumers prevent, and recover from identity theft. <http://www.identitytheftactionplan.com>

Don't Get Hooked by Phishing Scams

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– The Internal Revenue Service wants you to know the

“We’re getting reports of people getting an e-mail that appears to come from the IRS and tells recipients

Semanick says there are three things the IRS needs people to remember:

- The IRS never sends unsolicited e-mails about your taxes.
- If you get a scam e-mail, don’t access any links or attachments.
- If you receive an e-mail scam, forward it to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov.

According to Semanick, if you have accessed a link or attachment in a scam e-mail, you may have allowed

“If you have actually responded to a scam e-mail by giving out your private information you should immediately

“Taxpayers can help the IRS stop scammers by sending the bogus letters using special IRS instructions at phishing@irs.gov.”

For more information about tax scams, visit www.irs.gov and check out the Dirty Dozen, a list of tax scams updated each year.